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Letter dated 19 June 2002 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia addressed to the President of the Security Council

On behalf of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia, I have the honour to attach herewith the copy of a letter dated 17 June 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Somalia to the United Nations addressed to me (see annex).

I would appreciate it if the text of the present letter and its annex could be brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council and issued as a document of the Council.

(*Signed*) Stefan **Tafrov**
Chairman
Security Council Committee established pursuant
to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia

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Annex

Letter dated 17 June 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Somalia to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia

Further to my letter of 16 May 2002 (S/2002/570), regarding Ethiopia's violations of the arms embargo on Somalia, it is my duty to bring to your attention the latest arms shipments to Somalia by Ethiopia: On 1 June 2002, a convoy of nine trucks left the military base in Goday. These trucks were loaded with different kinds of weapons and ammunition, e.g. mortars, artillery pieces and even anti-aircraft. The convoy travelled through Belet-Weyn and Jowhar to Mogadishu.

The arms and ammunition shipment were delivered on 7-8 June 2002, to warlords Mohamed Dhere in Jowhar and Muse Sudi Yalahow in Mogadishu. On receipt of this new arms shipment, the above-mentioned warlords were openly testing the weapons in the Mogadishu area as recently as 9 June 2002.

The continuous flow of arms from Ethiopia to Somalia constitutes a grave threat to peace and security in the Horn of Africa. Ethiopia continues to disregard with impunity its obligations under Security Council resolutions 733 (1992), 751 (1992) and 1407 of 3 May 2002.

In this regard, I wish to draw your attention to paragraph V of your Committee's press release issued on 29 May 2002, in which members expressed "their grave alarm at the use of military weapons on a large scale inside Somalia and the continued flow of arms and ammunition supplies from outside".

On the instructions of my Government, I request that the Committee take appropriate action against Ethiopia's violations of the arms embargo on Somalia. I also request that this communication be forwarded to the President of the Security Council for distribution as a document of the Council.

(*Signed*) Ahmed Abdi **Hashi**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of the
Somali Republic to the United Nations